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NEXT MONDAY'S ELECTION

We can recall no election of importance in Virginia, in which there has been so complete an expression of the position of our public leaders as we have before us, as the Old Dominion prepares to vote Monday on the proposal that a Constitutional Convention be called to enact proposals of the Gray Commission on Public Education. Not only have the leaders within the Democratic Party gone on record with almost complete unity in favor of a "For" vote, but many Republican leaders have joined with them with strong public statements. Add in the statements of top-ranking educators and civic leaders, and it would certainly appear that the best thinking of Virginians is "For" the convention.

The Times-Virginian wishes to congratulate the newspapers of the state, for the tremendous space they have given to discussion of this issue, and their fair treatment of those who have come forward with statements on both sides. We are convinced that the issue has been adequately discussed on the open forum. The campaign has been marked by observance of the best traditions of freedom of expression.

The Times-Virginian urges you to vote next Monday, January 9. Appomattox County should roll up a 2,500 vote.

This newspaper is "For" the convention. It seems to us to be a clear-cut decision that the best interests of eduaction and our traditions will be served by a "For" vote.

Finally, we would like to commend the group of leaders in Appomattox County who have exerted every effort to bring this matter to the attention of the citizens. The campaign came up during the Christmas season, when attention was hard to attract toward an election. An effective job has been done locally, but the acid test will be in the size of Monday's vote.

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JANUARY, 1956

January, the first month of the year, gets its name from Latin, and the Latin word Januarius. The Latin word is derived from the name of a Roman god, Janus.

Anglo-Saxons, in the old days, did not use the word, January, but called the first month Wulfmonath, because of the fact that the wolves left the forests and entered the villages in search of food during the month of January.

Some of the most famous men in the history of the United States were born in January. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, was born on January 30th, 1882. James G. Blaine, who was at one time the most popular political leader in the country, was born at Brownsville, Pa., January 31st, 1830.

Thomas Paine, one of the country's greatest thinkers, was born in England, on January 29, 1737. Emanuel Swedenborg, a great mystic and religious thinker, was born in Stockholm, Sweden, January 29, 1688. Robert Burns, the famous Scottish poet, was born in January, 1759.

Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, two brilliant military leaders of the Confederacy, were born on January 19 and January 1st, respectively. Lee was born in 1807 and Jackson in 1824, both in what was then Virginia.

Daniel Webster, a famous orator, statesman and lawyer, was born in Salisbury (now Franklin), New Hampshire, on January 18, 1782. Benjamin Franklin, one of the great figures in America, was born on January 17, 1706, in Boston. Edgar Allen Poe was also born in Boston, on January 19, 1809. Salmon Chase, the sixteenth Justice of the United States, was born at Cornish, New Hampshire, on January 13, 1808. Alexander Hamilton, a great and influencial force in the American Revolution, was born at Charles Town, in the West Indies, on January 11, 1757.

Millard Fillmore, thirteenth President of the United States, was born at Locke, New York, January 7, 1800.

In addition, many famous military actions have taken place in January. The Battle of Princteon took place on January 3rd, and the last battle of the War of 1812, the Battle of New Orleans, was won by the Americans on January 8th, 1815.

January, then, has been a historic month in this country. January, 1956, is the first of twelve months in a year which will produce a new President of the United States. We hope that it will produce a year of peace and prosperity for all.

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HOW TO DETECT A LIAR

Washington police have compiled a set of symptoms which they believe are those of the average liar. The police, who probably get lied to more than almost anyone else, are recognized for their ability to detect a lie, and a liar.

Detective Sergeant William Rasmussen, instructor of a police class in juvenile delinquency in Washington, recently noted that the liar takes a number of emotional outlets from his lies, and he listed a number of them, as follows:

1. He fidgets and jumps around.
2. His hands grip whatever is in reach—desk, chair arms, and so forth.
3. His elbows are tense.
4. He plays with his hair.
5. His mouth gets dry and he wants to moisten his lips with his tongue, or may even ask for water.
6. He gets pale or flushed in the face.

Among the other interesting observations of Sgt. Rasmussen was his statement that lies are often very valuable to policemen. These make it possible for policemen to trip up a guilty person in his testimony, even if this trap has to be laid later.

Concerning the symptoms, listed above, we would suggest that wives clip them out and apply them to the tales of husbands who come home late at night. We also suggest that husbands use this list of symptoms when they are quizzing their wives on matters concerning their wardrobe, how much they paid for this or that dress, how old it is, and so on.

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If the government were to get entirely out of business, the loudest complaints would come from so-called big business.

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Judging other people often prevents us from appraising ourselves.

Oakville

Oakville, Jan. 2.- Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Snead, of Charleston, W. Virginia spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mrs. T. J. Gardner and Ethel.

Those visiting in the home of Mrs. T. J. Gardner and Ethel during Christmas were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Snead, of Charleston, W. Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Walker and Tommy, of Crewe; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Covington, of Pamplin; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gardner and W. C. Story, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard and sons, Warren and David.

Also Mr. Binford Phelps, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Phelps, Mr. Leonard Anderson, Miss Birdie Harvey, Mrs. Clark Moore and Miss Mary Ellen Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Moore, Mrs. E. B. Martin,Mrs. Grace Page and Roy Page and Raymond Wood, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. W. A. Wells spent last weekend with Mrs. T. J. Gardner and Ethel Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fleming Drinkard visited Mr. C. D. Drinkard in the hospital Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Richard Wells, Mrs. James Martin, Ann and Helen Faye visited Mrs. T. J. Gardner and Ethel Gardner Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Twyman Williams and Rev. A. D. Smith were dinner guests in the home of Mrs. T. J. Gardner Friday.

The West German Foreign Minister rejected any bilaterial talks between Bonn and Moscow on the question of ending the division of Germany.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Jan. 3.- Mr. and Mrs. Thad Massie, of Newport News, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stanley and son, of Appomattox, Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Chocklett and son, of Farmville visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham last week.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Christmas programs here at Baptist and Methodist churches last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Garrett, of Lynchburg were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce have bought a new Plymouth car.

Young people of the Methodist Church had a Christmas party at the Town and Country Restaurant in Lynchburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Staples and son, H. C. Jr. spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Butler, of Carrsville, Va.

Mrs. E. W. Farrar, Patsy and Charles visited Mrs. Dorothy Blythe last week.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Martin in the death of their daughter, Carolyn.

Mrs. Eula Fleshman spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Cheatham, of Spout Spring.

Mr. Frank Glover, of Arlington spent several days last week with his sister, Mrs. J. C. Staples and his brother, Mr. G. W. Glover.

Mr. Oscar Baker, of Richmond, visited his mother last week, Mrs. W. B. Thomas.

The Rev. D. L. Bailey, of Warwick was visiting friends here last week.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette visited her mother last week, Mrs. B. M. Ferguson, at Vera.

Wedding congratulations are extended to Miss Doris Austin and Bobby Canada—Dec. 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harrup, of Jarrett, Va. are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle spent last Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp and daughter, Sylvia.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harvey and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Jenkins and family, of Richmond visited Mr. R. P. Harvey during the holidays. Also Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Harvey.

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Cure for Worry

Lesson for January 8, 1956

"TAKE no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on." Did Jesus say this? There it stands in Luke 12:22. But how foolish it sounds! Christians do take thought for what they eat; they plan meals, they eat in Grade-A restaurants if possible; they make out grocery lists, they store food in freezers. They take thought for the body, too; didn't you get out your winter underwear and your overcoat, and didn't you store those last summer where the moths couldn't get at them? Very good as if Jesus never said "Take no thought . . ." As a matter of fact, the instinct of such Christians has always been right. Jesus never did say this. The Revised Standard Version gives the word of Jesus the right translation which Greek scholars have always known was correct: **"Do not be anxious."** Thought for the future is not wrong; anxiety about the future is wrong for a Christian, and not good sense for anybody.

Dr. Foreman

"Your Father Knows . . ."

Worry is a kind of disease, and Jesus offers a cure for it. He had tested it in his own life first, and countless Christians have discovered that it will work. First and most important ingredient in this cure for worry is **trust in God.** Many people believe in God, after a fashion, without trusting him. Jesus reminds us that God is our Father, and that he knows what we need. He knows we need food and clothing. He will not see to it that we shall get what we need without our having to lift a finger. He will not promise to give us all we want. But we can be confident that our Father in heaven is none other than the Infinite and All-wise God. Whatever is real, is known to him, however small. The needs of the flowers in the meadow, the needs of the birds on the wing, God knows these—and how much more we his children have a right to depend on him! Worry is a sign we have forgotten God, or don't think he is wise enough, or strong enough, to do what is right.

Mountain and Molehill

Most human minds are pretty active. They are like a sweet-pea vine; its tendrils reach out and if they don't find a fence or a trellis they will climb up the nearest weed. So our minds get twisted around weeds and get lost in the high grass when they should be climbing into the sunshine. A second ingredient in Jesus' cure for worry could be expressed in the proverb: Put first things first. Most worries are caused by the things that are least important. Jesus picks out food, drink and clothing, as the things which "all the nations of the world" are seeking. Now these things are important. It is not wrong to buy groceries nor to plan a garden. But when they take first place in our minds, when we are anxious about these things forgetting others more important, we deserve all the trouble our worrying causes us. The preacher who worries more over how he says a thing than about what to say; the mother who worries more over her children's clothes than over their minds; the Marthas of the world who are "anxious and troubled about many things" so that they never have time for the heavenly Guest; these all carry burdens of worry which would drop off if they would put first things first.

The Mind at Work—on What?

Worry is not to be got rid of simply by sitting down in an easy-chair and saying "Worry, go away!" You can't even pray it away, though prayer does help enormously and (as was said) without trust in God, worry is inevitable. Worry has to be **worked** away. Jesus' cure for worry includes this: "Seek God's kingdom." Paul writes: "The kingdom of God does not mean food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 14:17.) Any Christian who will really put his mind and his energies to work in the service of God's Kingdom—that is to say, adding to the too-small sum of righteousness, peace and joy in this world, working to make this earth more like heaven,—will find that his worries have mostly evaporated.

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Vera

Vera, Jan. 3.- "Be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by reviving of your mind, that ye may prove that which is good, acceptable and perfect will of God."—Romans 12:2.

I hope as we enter into another year, that each of us may try to make this the best year of our life, knowing that we pass this way but once. Wishing all of our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb on Wednesday night.

There is a lot of timber being marketed and some haul on the Sabbath day.

There were right many at the Secret Pal Party of New Hope, at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Addington on Friday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Tommie Covington and hope that he continues to improve, and will soon be back at home.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb, Mrs. L. H. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley and Benjamin.

Miss Mazie Harvey was the supper guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Childers on Thursday night.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley on Saturday night were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb and Bonnie; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette, and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson,. Mr. Jimmie Harvey and family, of Lynchburg, and Mr. F. A. O'Brien and Miss Patricia Alvis.

Miss Merle Reynolds visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Monday.

Mr. Jimmie Harvey and family visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lewis on Sunday.

Miss Merle Reynolds and Miss Mazie Harvey visited in the home of Mrs. J. J. Chernault on Monday.

Harriette Harvey spent the week-end with Bonnie Webb.

Richwood

Richwood, Jan. 3.- "When a man dies, they who survive ask what property he has left behind. The angel who bends over the dying man asks what good deeds he has sent before him." —Quoted.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Ferguson and Judy and Mrs. Virginia Watts, of Lynchburg and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughters, Val and Georgie Belle were the dinner guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Marsh and daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Jones, of Newport News, visited over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh and Mr. G. T. Marsh.

"Bud" Pugh spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Wooldridge.

Frank Moore spent the week-end at his home here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and family.

ICY ROAD SAVES BOY

Macon, Mo.- Ralph Brammer owes his life to slippery pavements caused by ice. Ralph, 5, was hit by a car and knocked down. Instead of being run over, however, he was pushed ahead of the front wheel, sliding on his side about 100 feet. The driver didn't know he had hit the boy until he heard shouts. Ralph was not seriously hurt.

Rocks

Rocks, Jan. 2.- Your correspondent hopes all of the Times-Virginian staff, its correspondents and readers had a very happy Christmas and that the New Year may be one of the best.

Hunting and getting together of families and friends for fun and feasting were enjoyed here, and the little ones enjoyed the things left by Santa.

Mrs. E. S. Roach was quite sick Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Roach announce the arrival of a son, born on December 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Williams and Steve, of Waynesboro and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach and Lynn, of Lynchburg were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Payne, of Richmond spent Christmas Day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Orange Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. James Thackston and Sandra, of High Point, N. C., spent a few days here Christmas with Mrs. Maude Ransom and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson, of Appomattox.

Rhomy Wilson entered the Virginia Baptist Hospital in Lynchburg last week for treatment.

The neighborhood was saddened last Monday morning by the death of little Carolyn Jane Martin, who had been sick for 3 years. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Quite a large crowd was at Rocks on Tuesday afternoon for the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Almond and children, of Madison Heights spent the week-end around here.

Rev. W. E. Donald preached a fine sermon Sunday night. He and Mrs. Donald and children were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ransom and family and Mrs. Mary Inge.

NO CAR, NO LICENSE

Ashland, Ky.- Hailed into court for smashing an automibile into a telephone pole, Randolph F. Booker was fined $100. The judge agreed to suspend the fine if Booker agreed to surrender his driver's license for 30 days. Booker agreed —he didn't have a car anyway.

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